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STARTING POINT

I wish members a happy and prosperous New Year. Considering the extent of the floods in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria and the subsequent effects: loss of life, homes, businesses, crops, livestock, etc. it seems a bit clichéd. I have not heard of any members or N/N's being directly affected, but I am sure that we all know somebody that has. The immediate impacts are evident, but the secondary and on-going impacts are yet to be faced. I would encourage members to keep these people in your thoughts, prayers and support in whatever manner seems appropriate.

With N/News 97 I also "bulk e-mailed" details regarding 2010/2011 subscriptions. I apologise for causing any concern where it was inappropriate to have a subscription notice issued ie. associate members, honorary members, UK & NA members. For Australian & New Zealand members could you please ensure that subscriptions are paid promptly or advise otherwise.

This is a big year in the life of the Society – Please let's make it a very good one also. If you are able to assist please contact the Secretary or myself ASAP.

Chairman & Editor



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MEM-BOAR-SHIP

We have pleasure in welcoming the following
new members to the Society:

Trish and Allen Hokin of Apollo Bay, Vic.



NOTICE BOAR-D

(Upcoming events in the Local and Overseas Calendar)

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| Apr | N/NEWS # 99 |
| July | N/NEWS # 100 |

Note: the social calendar can be viewed on the homepage.

(NES)-BITS & PIECES

Monumental Inscriptions

From "Monumental Inscriptions (Pre-1855) In the Upper Ward of Lanarkshire" by Sheila A Scott, MA 1977

Coulter Churchyard

(Was opposite s. door of church, not found 1972) John Nisbet tenant Causewayend 22.7.1787 68, w. Grizzel Barclay 27.2.1762 46; Geo Anderson in (Callans) of Lamington 2.2.1815 65, w.

5A Grizzel Nisbet 20.3.1814 65,

Lesmahagow Churchyard

(now lying in front of former enclosure) Ed (erected) by orphans of Thos. Gordon of Harperfield to their affectionate and benevolent uncle and guardian Achd. Nisbet Of Carfin whoFeb

362 1844 (corner of stone broken off)

DNA Results – what might they mean

Jean Skar & James E Nisbet are distant relatives according to their family tree/s and DNA results confirm this (4 markers in 37 difference between James E Nisbet and Jean Skar's uncle). I too (Gary Nisbet) return 4 markers in 37 different to James E Nisbet. So, can I expect to be related to him in similar times (ie. number of generations) as Jean? I do not know how many markers different I am to Jean's uncle.

My understanding is that different genes mutate at different rates and thus our 4 markers in 37 may, depending on which genes have mutated, still be several generations different. I have not been able to reference any material that provides an indication of differential rates of mutation for the various markers.

The following is the response from the new DNA Project Leader, Jean Skar when I sought some explanation/understanding regarding DNA results especially with respect to DNA Group 3 that we share.

Unfortunately DNA distance is not at all accurate as these mutations happen randomly. The chances are greater if you have the same mutation that IT (*mutated gene*) has been inherited through a common ancestor but there is also a lesser chance that this mutation could also happen (*independently*) in 2 different people at 2 different times and not at all have been inherited.

James and I are related. He is the 4th cousin of my uncle who supplied the DNA sample. I asked James to provide a DNA sample; we also came out with 4 in distance. He has 2 mutations I don't have and I have 2 mutations he doesn't have (*when compared to "the Group 3 average"*). We have a common ancestor in 1780 which means these mutations have happened after 1800, which was a big help, as I now know that anyone else with the 2 mutations we each have don't have to be considered when looking for ancestors.

I have looked at all the mutations I believe happened in Group 3 and I then found out our ancestor in 1780 must have had the code that I believe is probably 'original' for group 3 by looking at our mutations and then seeing what value most of the group had.

Was DNA any help then?.....YES, I know what group I belong to and know where to look for more ancestors or connections. But not how I thought before I joining the DNA Project; as I thought distance meant how closely related two persons were, and that it was more exact. Also DNA gives you a lot more information when known distant relations are tested. **The more who do the test the more it will give us but it has to have an accurate paper trail to be of help;** too bad more don't load up their pedigrees as we need them also.

Hope this helps some. Here is something I sent to someone else

N/N DNA

Understanding DNA and DNA Group 3

What is the most likely DNA for the common ancestor of the group?

Distance does not necessarily mean that you are more closely related to the person that has a 1 distance to you than someone with a 4.

I am using DNA Group 3 as the group is both large enough, has related lines where common ancestor are known, and is worldwide so has the elements needed (*and I belong to it*).

Jean is analysing the N/N DNA Project results, with respect to proximity (ie. number and location of mutations) against documented lineages. This is a critical activity if the Project is to succeed and assist identification of (potential) links into the future.

Nisbet of Auchinairn

My uncle who did the DNA and his 4th cousin who also did the DNA came out with a distance of 4 so this is proof that distance really doesn't tell you anything about how closely related you are and is of no real importance. The calculations to nearest common ancestor can also be off.

For a distance of 4 - FTDNA says "Without additional evidence, is unlikely that you share a common ancestor in recent genealogical times (1 to 6 generations) You may have a connection in more distant genealogical times (7 to 15 generations)".

Both of these tests show a closer distance to others in the group, than to each other, even though they have a common ancestor only 5 generations earlier, and the others in the group would have to have been at least 10 generations before a common ancestor would be found. This means that both our branches have had 2 mutations in the course of five generations and mine a mutation that does not happen that often.

What is most interesting if you see the common values of the group and if we ignore these four probable mutations we come out with the DNA above for Group 3.

Alexander Nisbet b. 1731 at sea

Here also, the distance between related individuals is sometimes off. This whole group appears to have the same common mutation which is one that differs then from what I believe is the DNA code for Group 3 so we can

almost say for certain that Alexander b. 1731 at sea had this mutation.

There are two branches of this group that appear to have the correct DNA code for Alexander N b. 1731 at sea **John C 1829-1862** and **Samuel B 1794-1876**. Branches descending from the brothers **Samuel B 1794-1876** and **James Jr 1796-1881** both sons of James 1765-1845 son of Alexander b.1731 at sea have **different codes**. As Samuel's descendants appear to have the code for Alexander N b. 1731 at sea, we can then say that mutations have then occurred at some point in time for one or more of the descendants of James Jr.

John C 1829-1862 son of Alexander J 1792-1865, son of John 1759-1829, son of Alexander b. 1731 at sea also seems to have the probable DNA code for Alexander N b. 1731 at sea.

But,

Alexander S 1826, son of Alexander J 1792-1865, son of John 1759-1829, son of Alexander b.1731 at sea have **mutations that differ** from the probable DNA code. This then tells us that Alexander J 1792-1865 still probably had the DNA code for Alexander N b. 1731 at sea; and the mutations happened either with **Alexander S 1826 or one or more of his descendants. The same mutation does not necessarily mean you are closely related.**

John Nisbet Longgreen x Apr 1780 to Marion Miller has the same mutation as Alexander at sea. Unfortunately this does not really tell you anything as to them being closely related or not. BUT there is a larger chance that they are than not.

My William b. 1800, son of John N b. 1768 great great grandson of John Nisbet of Auchinairn, Scotland d. Dec 1662 and Henry Nesbitt 1685-1750 Co. Donegal, IRE have a mutation that no one else in the group has. The mutation in my ancestors happened after 1800 and we definitely do not have a common ancestor after that **so this mutation has occurred at two different times in two different people.**

Nisbet of Greenholm after 1600

Seem to have 2 mutations that differ from the group, as only one branch of this family is tested it is unknown if the whole group has these mutations or not.

Occurrence

Mine had 4 mutations in just a little over 200 years and Alexander born at sea has also had 4 mutations in about 250 years; on one of the branches more than three, although it also appears that some of them had none other than what appears to be one that they all have in common. This is more often than what is usually thought to be the norm.

Nisbet of Ladybank, Ayr

On Friday, 10-Dec-2010

Jean Skar – from Norway wrote:

Anyone know anything about family Nisbet of Ladybank Ayr?

I wonder if some of these children immigrated to another country from Scotland?

William NISBET Esq 1837 Land-owner valuation Ladybank 66 13 4

maropr 11 Apr 1813 William Nisbet and Isobel Drew at Glasgow and Old Monkland Census 1841 Kirkoswald Co Ayrshire Ladybank

William Nisbet abt 1771 born: Ayrshire, Scotland Occ: Farmer

Isabella Nisbet 40

John Nisbet 20 b abt 1821

Peter Nisbet 18 b abt 1823

Lawrence Nisbet 16 b abt 1825

Margaret Nisbet 12 b abt 1829

Mary Nisbet 10 b abt 1831

William Nisbet 9 b abt 1832

Isabella Nisbet 8 b abt 1833

James Nisbet 5 b abt 1836

Isabella Cowan 15 servant

Testament May 2 1873 ISABELLA DREW 8 Craignestock Place on Great Hamilton Street in GLASGOW, widow of WILLIAM Nisbet, farmer at LADYBANK near GIRVAN Glasgow Sheriff Court Inventories I SC36/48/71 Scotland

Death Jean Nisbet , formerly residing in Ladybank, Died 19-May-1836; Age 22.

If you think you have a connection or further details of any of these N/N's please contact the secretary and/or leave a message on the homepage Guestbook.

Scotch College N/N's – enrolments

The following is an extract from "Register of Enrolments to Scotch College (1851 to 1951)" as supplied by Ian Clarke.

NISBET, Alexander William

Father: Rev. Thomas Nisbet

Born: 28 Oct 1885

Commenced: 12 Feb 1895

NISBET, John Robertson

Father: J R Nisbet

Born: 7 Nov 1887

Commenced: 26 July 1910

NISBET, Graham Rodman

Father: J W Douglas Nisbet

Born: 22 June 1915

Commenced: 8 Feb 1927

NISBET, Kenneth Francis Nigel

Father: J W D Nisbet

Born: 26 Feb 1907

Commenced: 8 March 1920

NESBITT, John Chalmers

Father: R G Nesbitt

Born: 28 Jan 1922

Commenced: 1 June 1937

Left: 1938

NESBITT, Neville Samuel George

Father: R G Nesbitt

Born: 25 Oct 1909

Commenced: 10 Feb 1925

Left: Dec 1925

Further details could be obtained from archives office, Scotch College, via Morrison Street entrance. Conversely Scotch would appreciate further information re: any of the above.

James Nesbitt – reward

The following is an extract from a Victorian Government Gazette of January 1859.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

STRAYED from near Mount Prospect, 8th December, a black horse, branded  near shoulder, and star on forehead.

WB

head; had hobbles on, and also a bell. Whoever will bring or give information as shall lead to the recovery of the said animal will receive the abovenamed reward.

JAMES NESBITT.

10th January, 1859.

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Glasgow Post Office Directory – some N/N's

1857-58

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|------------------------|----------------|---|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Nisbet | Alexander | <i>of A & J Nisbet</i> | | house | 53 St Vincent Crescent |
| Nisbet | Alexander | <i>of Nisbet & Carswell</i> | | house | Thornliebank |
| Nisbet | Alex. D | warehouseman <i>at Stewart & McDonald's</i> | | house | 67 Abbotsford Place |
| Nisbet | Alexander | carriage hirer | 20 Clyde Terrace (26) | house | 2 1/2 Nicholson Street |
| Nisbet | Andrew | surgeon-dentist | 153 St Vincent Street | | |
| | | furnishing ironmongers, tinsmiths, gasfitters and bell- | | | |
| Nisbet | A & J | hangers & iron merchant | 75 Buchanan Street | | |
| Nisbet | A & J | ironmongers & iron merchants | 50 Union Street | | |
| Nisbet | Rev. Archibald | minister of St Stephen's | | house | 77 Hill Street |
| | | wholesale and retail general merchants, importers of | | | |
| | | French, German and Geneva goods, and dealers in watch | | | |
| Nisbet, Carswell & Co. | | materials, &c. | 20 West Howard Street | house | 29 Eglinton Street |
| Nisbet | David | <i>at J & W Campbell & Co's</i> | | house | 44 North Frederick Street |
| Nisbet | Hay | printer and publisher of the <i>Christian News</i> | 142 Trongate | house | 141 Cumberland Street |
| Nisbet | James | joiner | 12 Eglinton Street | house | 10 North Coburg Street |
| Nisbet | John | <i>of Alexander Milne & Co</i> | | residence | Bothwell |
| Nisbet | John | sorter, GPO | | house | 17 Thistle Street |
| Nisbet | John | <i>of A & J Nisbet</i> | | house | 166 Stafford Place |
| Nisbet | Walter | grocer and provision merchant | 48 Main Street, Gorbals | lodgings | Garden Square, Cathcart Road |
| Nisbet | Matthew | tavern-keeper | 5 Monkland Street | | |
| Nisbet | William | baker | 61 Eglinton Street | house | 9 St James' Street, Kingston |
| Nisbet | William | grocer and provision merchant | 19 Glassford Street | | |
| Nisbet | Wm. | victualler | 27 Brown Street | | |
| Nisbet | Mrs James | | 22 College Street | | |
| Nisbet | Mrs John | spirit merchant | 18 Rutherglen Loan | house | 20 Rutherglen Loan (do) |
| Nisbet | Mrs John | bookseller, stationer and newsagent | 118 Crown Street | house | 116 Crown Street (do) |

No Naisbit(t), Nesbet(t), Nesbit(t) or Nisbett entries were found. Are any members able to lay claim to any of these? I believe that the second last is my emigrant ancestor (along with husband & children) – Ed.



OBITUARY

Adrian Home Nisbet

It is with sadness that I inform members of the passing of N/N Society member, Adrian Nisbet, as advised by his son, Guy Nisbet from the UK.

It is with regret that I write to say that my father Adrian Home Nisbet, father to Christina, Dianna, Carrie, Fiona, Guy (myself), Alex & Kate passed away peacefully on the 30th Jan 2011, aged 87.



NETWORKED N/N's

Digitised newspapers – go online

*In an article from **THE AGE** of Saturday January 8, 2011, page 3 of the News section, entitled “Sudden spike in climbing the family tree” reference was made to the National Library of Australia’s index of old newspapers “Trove”.*

A listing of a number of websites was also included as an appendix to the article, being:

Free websites:

familysearch.org – Free index to church registers and family trees.

trove.nla.gov.au - Growing database of free digitised newspapers including Melbourne’s Argus (1848 to 1854) and Sydney Morning Herald (1842 to 1954).

prov.vic.gov.au – Digitised records and indexes including Victorian ship passenger lists and wills.

census.nationalarchives.ie – Irish records including 1901 census and 1911 Irish census.

awm.gov.au – Australian War Memorial.

Pay-for-use websites:

nationalarchives.gov.uk – Guide to millions of British documents.

ancestry.com – Digitised birth, death and marriage certificates, electoral rolls, some convict records, London parish records.

scotlandspeople.gov.uk – Free index but pay for Scottish births, deaths and marriages, church records, wills.

findmypast.com – British site with births, deaths and marriage certificates, parish, census and military records.

If you have found a useful website we would like to hear of it and share with other members.

SOCIETY NEWS

Office Bearers – UK & NA Branches

Whilst we list overseas contact details on page 8 of the newsletters, it is fitting that we also acknowledge the efforts of other members who serve the world-wide Society by volunteering as office bearers.

The North American Branch office bearers are:

*Steve Nesbitt – President
Guy L Nisbet – Vice President
Hal Nesbitt – Secretary
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Tom Nesbitt – News Editor
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Irene Hall – Genealogy Consultant
Jean Skar – DNA Program Coordinator
James “Hal” Nesbitt – Webmaster
Plus 5 Regional Commissioners*

*The UK Branch office bearers are:
Mark Nesbitt – Clan Chief, Webmaster,
Publications & Archivist
Angus Nisbet – Secretary & Treasurer
Graham G Nisbet – Newsletter Editor*

The Australian – New Zealand Branch are in need of some “new blood” and a webmaster –if we have a “nerdy” volunteer N/N amongst us (and I mean that in the nicest possible way) I would very much appreciate hearing from you.



N/N's IN THE NEWS

William “Bill” Nisbet – obituary

*The **Herald Sun** of November 8, 2010 included an obituary for William “Bill” Nisbet, who passed away Nov. 4, 2010 at the Maryborough Nursing Home.*

The subsequent funeral notice listed under Nisbet, also included the description “the late Mr William Nesbit”.

Bruce Naisbitt – obituary

*The **Herald Sun** of August 28, 2010 included an obituary for Bruce Graeme Naisbitt, who passed away on Aug. 25, 2010 aged 65.*

N/N's – next step

The Herald Sun 2011 Tertiary Offers Round 1 supplement of January 2011, page 43 listed a number of successful VCE N/N's who gained a tertiary studies offer within Victorian institutions. Well done and every success in your studies to the following:

Nesbit JA
Nesbit LA
Nesbit NJ
Nesbitt EM
Nesbitt HL
Nisbet HR
Nisbet SA

The King's Speech – N/N link

“Australian speech therapist Lionel Logue is the subject of a new film, *The King's Speech*, in which he is played by Geoffrey Rush.” *Source: Sunday Mail (SA)*

Audiences are flocking to see *The King's Speech*, but few know the film's hero Lionel Logue was born in Adelaide.

AS OSCAR buzz brews in Hollywood about Geoffrey Rush's performance in *The King's Speech*, Adelaide is abuzz with the knowledge it is the birthplace of the film's unlikely hero, Lionel Logue.

It has emerged Logue, who until recently had a largely unknown association with the monarchy, grew up in College Park, played football at Prince Alfred College in the 1890s and studied music at the Elder Conservatorium.

Further into the article about Logue's life is the following:

It is believed Logue's interest in elocution was fuelled by the growing divergence between Australian English and that which the British spoke at the time.

Born in 1880 to wealth and privilege, Logue was the grandson of Edward Logue, a Dublin publican who owned the Kent Town Brewery with Sir Edwin Smith.

Despite dying 15 years before Logue was born, Edward laid a foundation of honour, humility and hard work for his family.

But it was perhaps his father George who proved to be the biggest influence on Logue, despite dying when he was just 22.

A product of St Peters College, George became a clerk within the family brewing business, before rising to the position of accountant.

He later became licensee of the Burnside Hotel and the old Elephant and Castle Hotel, on West Tce, city.

Along with his wife, Lavinia, they enjoyed the perks of their affluent position in local society, and shared them with their children Logue, who was born prematurely at College Town, now College Park, just eight months after they married on June 19, 1879, Herbert William (born 1883), Eveline May (born 1885) and Myra (born 1887).

A gifted cricketer, George's sporting prowess rubbed off on his children, with the wider family also sprouting several gifted athletes.

Logue played football for PACs 1st XVIII, while his cousin, **Reginald Nesbit**, a lawyer, won the Stawell Gift in 1896 in a then stunning time of 12 seconds.

He went on to be a life member of the South Australian Athletic Association.

*The Sunday Mail website lists ten comments, from Vic., SA, NSW and Ireland, regarding the article **Uncovered: Lionel Logue's life in SA**, by Christie Peucker, in the Sunday Mail of January 09, 2011, from which the above excerpts were taken; a number of which are from people claiming family ties with Lionel Logue. None are from N/N's so it currently remains unclear as to how Reginald Nesbit was related.*



WANTED

John Wallace Nisbett – connections

An initial contact re: an application for membership, was received from a New Zealand N/N in early December 2010 identifying John Wallace Nisbett as the applicant's grandfather. Details provided are:

My great grandfather arrived in New Zealand from Scotland well over a hundred years ago, by my understanding is that his brothers went to the USA and 'lost the second t off Nisbett'. My great grandfather settled in Gisborne and was a baker by trade. My grandfather, John Wallace Nisbett, was a farmer in Te Karaka, outside of Gisborne.

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